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(Statement by Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Adjutant General for Maryland)

“Today’s decision by the BRAC Commission to change the Department of Defense’s recommendation and to realign the Maryland Air National Guard’s 104th Fighter Squadron is very disappointing. During the brief time that has elapsed since the Department of Defense made its recommendations known to the BRAC Commission, the Maryland Air National Guard has been engaged in an aggressive effort to demonstrate in no uncertain terms the value of the 135th Airlift Group - not only to the warfighter, but to homeland security, particularly here in the National Capital Region. In no way was the 104th Fighter Squadron discussed for realignment during this three-year process until it was revealed in the commission’s final voting process.

Throughout the unit's history the men and women of the 104th Fighter Squadron have performed magnificently. They've been deployed in combat and exclusively involved in state of the art upgrades to the A-10 at their home here in Maryland. This is a decorated unit that is well respected in the Air Force.

While the Commission's vote can be only be viewed as a serious setback, it is by no means the end of the process. As the process moves forward in the weeks to come, we will continue to press the case in the strongest way possible for retaining the 104th FS, along with its nearly 400 positions, in Maryland.”

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